

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
SCHOOL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PORTOLA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, MONTEREY, CA
MARCH 30, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Cullen Sisskind, Motor Carrier Safety Program Manager, California Highway Patrol, Acting Chairperson
Ms. Anna Borges, California Department of Education
Ms. Ami Smalley, Department of Motor Vehicles
Mr. Ted Saltzstein, Urban School Districts Representative
Mr. Chet White, Rural School Districts Representative
Ms. Liz Sanchez, Urban School Bus Contractors Representative
Mr. Doug Smith, School Bus Driver Representative
Ms. June Martinez, Rural School Bus Contractors Representative
Mr. Gerry Madsen, School Pupil Transportation Operations Other than School Bus Operations

MEMBERS ABSENT

Captain Kevin Davis, California Highway Patrol
Dr. Phyllis Agran, MD, American Academy of Pediatrics
Judy Dancy, Office of Traffic Safety Representative

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

a. Introductions. The executive session of the School Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee (SPTAC) convened at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Sisskind, acting committee chair, welcomed the members, due to the presence of new members on the board, Mr. Sisskind requested self-introductions. The new members present were: Mr. Doug Smith, School Bus Drivers representative, Mr. Gerry Madsen, Other than School Bus representative, and Ms. June Martinez, Rural School Districts Representative, was introduced to the committee later, when she arrived. The reading of the previous minutes were read and approved.

- Previously tabled Item 2 (Attachment 1). In the previous minutes, Item 2, reference Section 1250 of Title 13, California Code of Regulations (13 CCR) regarding the requirement for spare fuses in school buses submitted by Mr. Tony Woodard, the final action was listed as “no action will be taken on this item.” The SPTAC determined this item has not been adequately addressed; therefore, it was tabled until the next SPTAC meeting.

Action Item: Mr. Woodard will research requested information and respond to the Committee Chair.

b. Announcements. None.

c. Actions Item. Committee members were requested to submit recommended language (to Ms. Bowie via email) regarding the proposed change to Section 1236, Reporting Driver Status, of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations (Attachment 2) as soon as possible.

d. Next SPTAC Meeting. The next SPTAC meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2015, in South Lake Tahoe, in conjunction with CASTO's next Transportation Business Management Forum.

e. Adjournment. The executive session adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

2. GENERAL SESSION.

The public session convened at 2:40 p.m. Mr. Sisskind presided over the public session, welcomed the audience, expressed appreciation to CASTO for providing the venue for the meeting; and introduced the SPTAC members. Mr. Sisskind reminded the audience that this session would address regulatory matters only and that any concerns regarding statutory matters would be better addressed at the next CASTO conference during the agency panel session.

a. Discussion. Mr. Sisskind discussed the outcome of the SPTAC executive session. Members of the SPTAC responded to various nonrelated questions from the audience.

b. Next SPTAC Meeting. The next SPTAC meeting will be held on October 10, 2014, in South Lake Tahoe, in conjunction with CASTO's Transportation Business Management Forum. Details will follow.

c. Adjournment. The public session adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1

Regulatory Proposal Submitted by Mr. Tony Woodard

Previously Tabled Item 2 (from April 2, 2012). A regulatory proposal was submitted by Mr. Tony Woodard, to review Section 1250 of Title 13, regarding the requirement for spare fuses in school buses with the expectation to eliminate the requirement.

ATTACHMENT 2

Regulatory Proposal Submitted by the California Department of Education

§1236. Reporting Driver Status.

(a) Dismissal. Dismissal of any driver for a cause relating to pupil transportation safety shall be reported by the carrier to the Department of Motor Vehicles within five days of the dismissal date.

Proposed change – Add subsection b and consequential change to subsection c.

(b) Unattended pupils. When a driver leaves a pupil unattended on a school bus, SPAB, or youth bus, the motor carrier shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles within five calendar days. For the purposes of this section, unattended is defined as leaving a pupil without authorized adult supervision inside a school bus, SPAB or youth bus and leaves the immediate vicinity of the vehicle.

NOTE: (The SPTAC suggested adding the word authorized [see underline above] to the language. It was not included in the original language submitted by the CDE.

~~(b)~~ (c) Employment or Training Status. Carriers shall notify the local CHP office within 10 calendar days of the hiring of a certified school bus, SPAB, or youth bus driver, or of any driver who fails to receive the training specified in California Education Code Sections 40082, 40083, 40084, 40085 and 40086 or Vehicle Code Section 12523.

§1238. School Bus Stops.

(a) Designated Stops. Designated school bus and SPAB stops made for receiving and discharging pupils shall be designated by the school district superintendent.

Proposed change – add language.

(a) Designated Stops. Designated school bus and SPAB stops made for receiving and discharging pupils shall be designated by the school district superintendent *or the head or principal of a private school, or authorized by any of those individuals.*